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NEWSCASTER: The giant game of Donkey Kong at the top of the Empire State Building is finally over. It took a week longer than expected, but at long last the king of gorillas is finally up there. Kristie Witker watched as the huge balloon was pumped up a quarter mile above the ground.

KRISTIE WITKER: It seemed an inordinate amount of interest, not to mention publicity, for a vinyl-coated nylon ape who is already five days late for his Big Apple debut. In fact, it was the third time the seven-story ape tried to scale the skyscraper he had no trouble conquering in the 1933 movie. Fifty years later, it's been one frustration after another.

Today, his shoulder wound stitched up and his tethers readjusted, King Kong finally began his slow inflation. For three hours, a big fan pumped more than seven thousand cubic feet of air a minute into his three-thousand-pound 84-foot frame. And then finally King Kong reclaimed his perch.

MAN: It's been a period of anguish, Kris. But one of eternal hope. And I think we've been vindicated now. And certainly everyone here at the Empire State Building I think shares a reaction with I guess probably hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers, who just say, welcome home, King Kong.

WITKER: What do you think, seeing that thing get up there? Does it...

BOY: Oh, it looks like an overloaded garbage-bag.

WITKER: An overloaded garbage-bag, after all this trouble they went to?

BOY: Yes.

WITKER: Do you like it?

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BOY: Yeah.

WITKER: King Kong is expected to make a one-week appearance here at the Empire State Building. And now his manufacturers are mulling over offers for a world tour.

At the Empire State Building, Kristi Witker, Independent Network News.